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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks in Response to Restriction/Election Requirement

Applicants thank the Examiner for review of the present application. The Office Action of May 5 2005, restricts the claims of the application into three groups and further requires election of four species.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II (Claims 2-22) and expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining Groups.

Applicants further elect the following species for prosecution on the merits if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, and expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining species:

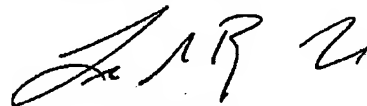
- a. Wherein the first and second frames are metallic;
- d. Wherein the gasket is silicone;
- g. Wherein it (adhesive) is of the high temperature cure variety; and
- j. Wherein the fastener is a threaded fastener.

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Reply to Restriction Requirement of May 5, 2005

It is not believed that extension of time fees are required. However, in the event that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extension is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.§136(A), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charge to Deposit Account No. 18-1730.

Respectfully submitted,



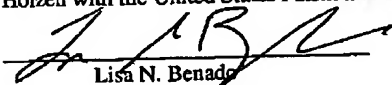
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